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Dear Mr Garrison

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I hope that you
and your son and daughter have enjoyed
yourself without interruption and without
drawback since you left London. I
should have written to you before, but
my time has been unceasingly occupied,
and I had nothing of special moment to
write to you about.

But I could no longer delay
sending you a line, because I promised
the Messrs and Secretary of the National
Improvement League, (who wrote upon
me on Saturday,) that I would in
their name write you to attend their
Annual Festival which takes place at
the Crystal Palace on the 2^d of September
next. They are most anxious that
you should accept their invitation and

are willing to incur my expense
that may be necessary to enable you
to give it effect. They are the
moral suasion party and have a
good claim upon your consideration.
There is one strong reason which I
can give in favour of compliance.
It is that various suggestions have
been made to me that an opportunity
should be offered the masses of seeing
and leaving you. In connection
with the anti-slavery question I
judged it expedient that we should
not contend with what was done at
W. Jones's hall. That was in point
of facts rendered historical and any
attempt to hold a second meeting
would simply weaken the effect of
that great demonstration. But the
Improvement League's gathering is
another affair; while you attending

it would afford many thousands of
persons of the middle and working
classes an opportunity of seeing
you in the Central Transcript. As
you are likely to be in London
about the first week in September
I hope you may see your way to
accept this invitation..

I brought the Record to beg for
its columns on you, but it
declined to insert my reputation
which was based upon a most
careful examination of the speeches
delivered two years ago.

I am sorry for various reasons
that you did not mention Mr. T. B.
Potter in your memorable speech. The
omission of the omission could not
fail to excite comments. I hope no
one has sought to prejudice your
mind against one who spent thousands
in the cause of the Union and the
slave when every shilling produced an
impression on public opinion..

I send you two letters in
a large envelope.. I hope that all
the letters and papers have safely reached
you.. Mr. Thompson has not yet
returned from Manchester. I fear that
his health is still very bad, and I
very much suspect that it is connected
with a disturbed state of mind.. If
on your return you should pass through
Leeds I hope you will kindly call on
his relative Mr. George Edmund Donisthorpe,
and if possible have some talk with
him about his affairs. He is certainly
well and I hope willing to assist..

With kindest regards to Mr.
Kellard and your son,

I remain ever yours faithfully
W. L. Garrison by F. W. Chesson

F. W. Chesson,
London, July 15, 1867.